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May 20,1998

Mr. Larry Gore
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Dixie Resource Area Office
345 E. Riverside Drive
St. George, Ut. 84770

Re: 1998 Reclamation Seeding

Goldstrike Mine



Dear Mr. Gore:

We are anticipating the regrading of the of Pad 2 and the site facilities this year. Also we are planning to complete the recontouring of 30,000/lf of drill roads.

With this in mind I recently reviewed the seeding with a range consultant acquaintance. We toured the site to evaluate the present seeding. The following modifications were suggested to our present seed mix. He felt that these changes could be made with no impact to our seeding quality.

1. Due to the total absence of success of Serviceberry in any of our seedings, the inclusion of this component in our seed mix is probably questionable.

2. Indian Ricegrass was questioned a 4#/acres as he felt this was to heavy. Reducing this component to 2#/acre was suggested.

3. Palmer Penstemon was to heavy at 1#/acre and should be reduced to 1/2#/acre.

4. Planting at 20#/acres in this area was thought to be to heavy.

This is the approved seed mix used to date at the site.

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	1.	Cliffrose*	0.5#
	2.	Antelope Bitterbrush	0.5#
	3.	Serviceberry	1.0#
	4.	Fourwing Saltbrush	2.0#
	5.	Yellow Sweetclover	1.0#
	6.	Ladak Alfalfa	1.0#
	7.	Small Burnett	1.0#
	8.	Lewis Blue Flax	1.0#
	9.	Palmer Penstemon	1.0#
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11. Pubescent Wheatgrass 2.0#
12. Intermediate Wheatgrass 2.0#
13. Smooth Brome 2.0#
14. Galleta Grass 1.0#

\* Cliffrose is not available this year, with your permission Antelope Bitterbrush will be substituted.

Please review and comment on the suggestions and the seed mix. With the emphasis on completing our reclamation this year, we will need to order the seed as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Coordinator

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